

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of July 26, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is hereby requested.

In full and complete response to the Office Action, applicant submits the follow documents.

First, applicant submits herewith are two (2) replacement sheets of drawings which remedy the deficiencies identified in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review that was included with the first Office Action of March 8, 2004.

Second, applicant submits herewith a certified copy of the Finnish Priority Application No. 990135, filed January 25, 1999. Also enclosed is an English-language translation of that Finnish-language priority application, which translation is verified as being complete and accurate in the signed Verification that is attached to the English-language translation.

Third, applicant submits herewith a Declaration, executed on behalf of applicant by applicant's undersigned attorney and representative of record, certifying that neither International Application PCT/FI00/0046 filed January 20, 2000, from which the present application is a continuation, nor the designation therein of the United States, was withdrawn or considered to be withdrawn prior to the filing date of the present application.

Fourth, applicant submits herewith a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report in connection with the International Application, thus demonstrating that a Demand for Chapter II Preliminary Examination of the International Application was timely filed.

Fifth, and last, applicant submits herewith a copy of International Application PCT/FI00/0046 as published on August 10, 2000 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

As a result of these submissions, the claim rejections based on Allison et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0003930 A1) should be withdrawn, and such action is respectfully requested.

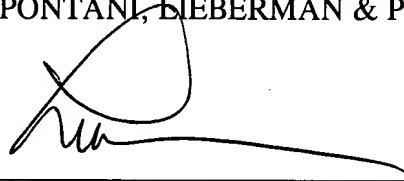
Early and favorable examination of the patentability of applicant's pending claims over the pertinent and properly-applicable prior art, is once more solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any such fees or charges are deemed necessary at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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